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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**I. Rejections**

Claims 51-63 are pending in the application. Claims 51-59 and 61-63 are rejected.

Claims 51 and 53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Su et al. (US Pat. No. 5,574,554; previously of record).

Claims 61 and 62 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Shepherd (U.S. Pat. No. 4,121, 896; previously of record).

Claim 61 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Doke et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,071,111; previously of record).

Claim 63 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Crowe, Jr. et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,975,875; previously of record).

Claims 56-58 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Doke.

Claims 52 and 54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Su in view of Doke.

Claim 55 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Su in view of Martin et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,935,492).

Claim 59 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Doke as applied to claims 56-58 above, and further in view of Appleton et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,271,875). The Applicants respectfully traverse all of the above rejections.

II. Objections

Claim 60 is objected to, but the Examiner has indicated that it would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

III. Amendments and Comments

The Applicants respectfully traverse all rejections to the pending claims, however in an effort to expedite issuance of claims in this application, the Applicants have amended independent claims 51, 56 and 61 to include the limitations contained in claim 61 and its base

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claim. In addition, because claim 56 is the base claim for previously pending claim 60, and claim 56 now includes all of the limitations of claim 60, claim 60 has been canceled. Claim 63 has also been canceled.

Accordingly, the Applicants submit that all of the currently pending claims include all of the limitations which the Examiner considered to be allowable subject matter. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request allowance for currently pending claims: 51-59 and 61-62.

IV. Conclusions

Applicants request the Examiner to:

- (1) enter the amendments to claims;
- (2) cancel claim 60 and 63; and
- (3) pass on to allowance claims 51-59 and 61-62

If the Examiner is of a contrary view, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (904) 443-3731.

Respectfully submitted,

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